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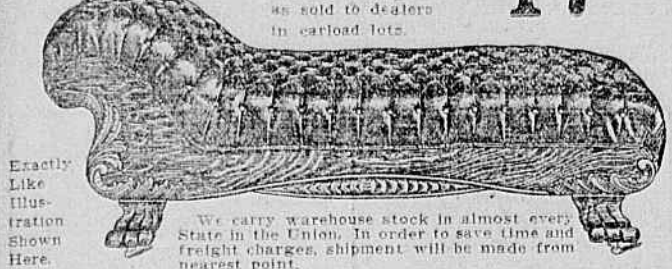
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BOARD RESCINDS FORMER ACTION

Col. R. A. Marr Wins Complete Victory Before V. P. I. Board of Visitors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, VA., November 21.—The board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute adjourned this afternoon, after a two days' session. The members present were Messrs. Carrington, St. Clair, Noel, Kline, Kiser, Musgrave and Churchman. Several committees from the board were appointed on the welfare of the various departments of the college, to report at the January meeting, and some purely routine business was transacted.

The meeting was chiefly occupied with consideration of the case of Colonel R. A. Marr, whose resignation as professor of civil engineering was requested by the board last June to take effect at the end of this session. Congressman E. W. Saunders and Hon. E. E. Byrd appeared before the board and presented reasons why the case of Colonel Marr should be reopened, after which the board decided to postpone the case, and Colonel Marr was heard in his own behalf.

The board, after a full consideration of the case, authorized the rector, J. C. Carrington, to give out the following resolutions:

"Whereas, at the annual meeting of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, held on June 22, 1908, the board directed the president to notify Colonel R. A. Marr, dean and professor of civil engineering, that his services would not be needed at the end of the present session; and

"Whereas, since the said meeting, the board, after having fully into the matter, is convinced that the trouble in his department has arisen more from a lack of equipment and other similar causes, for which he is not responsible, which have now been remedied; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the letter of June 22, 1908, be recalled."

A CONFEDERATE HOME.

Indigent Widows and Widowers Will Be Taken Care Of.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., November 21.—The North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, are launching a movement to provide a suitable building in Raleigh to be used as a home for indigent widows and widowers of Confederate veterans, to be maintained as an annex to the present North Carolina Soldiers' Home. A formal statement to this effect comes to Major B. E. Dixon, State Auditor, chairman of the State Board of Confederate Pensions, and director of the Confederate Soldiers' Home. Major Dixon approves of the plan most heartily, and declares that such a home is greatly needed in this State. The Legislature will probably be asked to take a hand in the matter of maintenance.

Circuit Court Cases.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATHAM, VA., November 21.—In Pittsylvania County Circuit Court Thursday and Friday, the following cases were tried: Booth against Craddock, to recover cost of a mule valued at \$30, verdict in favor of defendant; E. M. Wooten, Shellhorse, for right to locate a public road on the land of the defendant, verdict for plaintiff; the suit of Mrs. W. Simpson against Mrs. George Shuler for \$5,000, for alienating the affections of her husband, was continued at request of plaintiff.

Directors Elected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENVILLE, N. C., November 21.—The Greenville Chamber of Commerce, at a recent meeting, elected directors to succeed those whose terms of office have expired, as follows: Dr. D. L. James, A. B. Gillington, C. T. Munford, each for a term of two years; Dr. C. E. Flanagan for a term of one year to succeed F. M. Wooten. These men, with Dr. E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, will be in Petersburg next Tuesday, and a smoker will be given in his honor in the parlors of the Petersburg Club at which he will meet the resident alumni and ex-cadets of the institute.

A company of fifty-nine United States Marines from Charleston, S. C., passed through this city yesterday afternoon, on their way to Fort Mifflin, where they are to take torpedo boats to Charleston.

Dr. W. H. Heck, of the University of Virginia, will address the teachers and patrons of the city schools in the assembly room of the new Brown Memorial Public School on Monday evening. His subject will be "The Care of the Child's Health in School."

The "East End Club" was organized last night for the purpose of promoting the health of the community. The club is to be a comfortable place where the men and boys of the community may spend their winter evenings.

Loose Tobacco Sales.

Supervisor J. B. McCulloch gives the official sales of loose tobacco in this city for the past week at 101,450 pounds, making total sales for the season to date 971,875 pounds. Good wrappers sold as high as \$18 to \$20 per 100 pounds.

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News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 21.

The motor-boat race on the Appomattox River this afternoon, given under the auspices of the Appomattox Motor-Boat Club, attracted a large crowd, and was witnessed with interest by a large crowd—fully 1,000 persons, including a great number of ladies. The point of vantage from which to view the race was the top of the grain elevator, whence the boats could be seen almost the entire course of the race. The course was over a distance of ten miles—that is, five miles down the river to the turning point just below Calhoun's Wharf, at Mount Airy farm, and five miles back to the place of starting. The weather was fair and the water smooth, and in every respect conditions were favorable for a highly successful race.

Eleven boats, all owned in Petersburg, were entered for the race, and officials numbers assigned them. Some being speedier than others, a basis of time allowance was adopted to place them all on equal footing. The slowest boat was started first, and others followed in order, the fastest boat being started last. For instance, there was a difference of forty-seven minutes in the start of the slowest and fastest boats.

The following gentlemen, occupying seats in Commodore Carter R. Bishop's fine yacht Halcyon, acted as judges: Commodore Carter R. Bishop, William H. Worth, James Pettit, John Harrison and LeRoy Jones. In the judge's yacht as "special" guests were Major Joseph E. Kuhn, of the United States Engineer Department, who has charge of the river and harbor improvement at Petersburg; Mr. Edwin R. Quarles, of the Chamber of Commerce, and several ladies. In compliment to Major Kuhn, the Halcyon flew the flag of the United States Engineer Department. Commodore Bishop wore the full uniform of his rank. The judge's yacht left the harbor immediately after the last motor boat, followed and kept the course clear, and was at the finish.

The prizes were handsome silver cups, awarded to the first, second and third winners.

The following was the official schedule of the race, giving number, boat, owner, time allowance and time of start:

1. Gay, Percival, 471-2, 2:18; 2. Grace, McKenney, 11-1, 2:24; 3. Hoy Smith, 38, 2:27-1; 4. Francis, Ritchie, 34, 2:31-1; 5. Elizabeth, McNamara, 31, 2:34-1; 6. Gertrude, Gill, 2:37-1; 7. Yanket, C. P. Grim, 16, 2:41-1; 8. J. L. Grim, 81-2, 2:57; 9. Optie, Wilcox, 7, 2:58-1; 10. Surf, Eppe, 7, 2:58-1; 11. Ellen Douglas, Smith Spottedwood, none, 2:53-2.

Boats Nos. 2 and 10, owned respectively by McKenney and Eppe, broke down during the race and retired.

The first winner was the Pet, owned

by Hoy & Smith, the second winner was the Ellen Douglas, owned by Smith & Spottedwood, and the third was the Francis, owned by Ritchie. They came in very close together.

Personal Intelligence.

Mr. George Cannon, Jr., and bride, who went on a wedding trip to Italy, are expected home in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cannon, of Australia, are visiting relatives in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whirwick, of Baltimore, are visiting their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison, on Washington Street, are expected to return to Portsmouth. It is understood they are to take torpedo boats to Charleston.

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"WETS" AND "DRYS" FIGHTING HARD

Interest in Local Option Election at Lynchburg Grows Steadily.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., November 21.—Two weeks from to-day the voters of Lynchburg will decide at the ballot-box whether or not the sale of liquor shall be licensed in the city for two years, and if the manner in which the campaign has increased in interest in the past two or three days can be taken as a criterion things will be very warm before the last week but one is brought to a close.

"The Business Men's League" is the name of a "wet" organization which is attending to the publicity department of the contingent favoring the retention of the saloon as at present. The Anti-Saloon League has charge of the "dry" end of the fight.

C. W. A. Veditz, of Washington, is secretary of the Business Men's League, and both sides have purchased space in both local papers for the presentation of their views.

While the contest has not shown real bitterness, such as is to be expected under the circumstances, business houses and private partnerships, in the professions as well as the trades, are divided, and are fighting each other.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

The funeral of W. H. Wilkerson, who was killed in the yards of the Southern Railway on Friday, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Cowardin Avenue Christian Church. Delegates from the Old-Fellows, Red Men, Woodmen of the World, and Junior Order of United American Mechanics will attend the funeral. The interment will be made in Maury cemetery. Rev. D. G. Lancaster will conduct the services.

Mr. Wilkerson is survived by his wife and three children: Mrs. Edward Hughes, of Richmond; Mrs. B. O. Andrews and J. E. Wilkerson, of Manchester.

Loving Cup for Pastor.

At the session of the Wesley Bible Class of Central Methodist Church this morning a gold loving cup will be presented to the pastor, Rev. J. K. Jelliff, during whose pastorate this class has enlarged to an enrolment of 125 members. Mr. Jelliff has recently been transferred to Petersburg, and will leave this week.

General News Notes.

The Choir Band of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church will hold a fancy sale at the residence of Mrs. B. B. Weisiger, 1219 Decatur Street, Friday afternoon, for the benefit of the organ fund.

Miss Edna Toney is at her home with an attack of grip.

The Rev. W. E. Edwards, the retiring pastor of Decatur Street Methodist Church, will conduct farewell services to-day. He leaves this week for his new charge at Culpeper, Va.

Mr. Lewis J. McIntosh, general secretary of the Virginia State Sunday School Association, will address the Winchester Street Men's Bible Class this morning.

Manchester Lodge of Elks has been called to meet to-morrow night to pass on a proposed change in the constitution and to initiate a number of candidates for membership.

James Kitchin was before Mayor Maurice yesterday morning, charged with striking, abusing and cursing Zelma Robinson. He was dismissed. Porter Watkins was before Squire

Coconine Sellers Fined.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., November 21.—The climax in the anti-coconine crusade recently inaugurated by the Winston police was witnessed in the Recorder's Court yesterday, when Tom Carter, Will Lowell and Clarence Warren, all colored, were fined \$5 and costs for selling coconine in the city contrary to the city ordinance, the maximum penalty allowed by the recorder, with the understanding that, unless the fines were paid by to-morrow, the defendants will have to go to jail. There is also a general law for this offense.

Cards Are Issued.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WYTHEVILLE, VA., November 21.—Cards have been received here to the celebration of the birthday of the daughter of Rev. Edward L. Goodwin, to Mr. James W. Ballard, the ceremony to be celebrated in Zion Church, Fairfax, Tuesday evening, November 24th. The event is one of unusual interest to a wide circle of friends and relatives in Wytheville, where the bride-elect has often visited.

Marriage Announced.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BUNFESS, VA., November 21.—Mrs. B. F. Vaughan announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Daisy, to Mr. K. T. Perkins on the 17th of December. The ceremony will take place in Elk Creek Church.

Violated Liquor Laws.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., November 21.—For selling liquor on Sunday, or a violation of the Byrd law, Herbert Messick was fined \$100 and costs to-day in the

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics of Manchester and Swansboro, will hold a Thanksgiving service at Cowardin Avenue Christian Church on Sunday, November 22nd.

Mrs. W. J. Carter returned from New York City yesterday, where she has been attending the Madison Square Garden Horse Show.

Mrs. C. E. Friend is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Winn, on Porter Street.

Mrs. H. G. Vetterlein is the guest of her brother, A. J. Daffron, Master, Bert Daffron has returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

The Manchester Cottillon Club will give a Thanksgiving german in Belvidere Hall, Richmond, on Friday night.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Bainbridge Street Baptist Church will have a cake sale next Wednesday at the store of B. A. Nunnally, on Hull Street.

The funeral of Mr. William Archer Woolridge, who died at his residence, 718 Perry Street, on Thursday afternoon, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. W. Durham will conduct the services. The interment will be made in Maury Cemetery.

Cape Charles Fertilizer Plant.

CAPE CHARLES, VA., November 21.—The Eastern Shore Fertilizer Company, expects to establish here a giant fertilizer plant. The capacity of the plant will be something like eighty tons per day. The building, which will be only a starter, is to cost something more than \$2,000, and the fertilizer making machinery to be installed will cost fully \$5,000 more.

His Arm Seized.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHATHAM, VA., November 21.—While operating a cutting machine, Ernest Neal, of Pittsylvania, six miles from this place, had one arm severed. While feeding the machine his sleeve became entangled in the machinery and his hand was drawn several inches in the machine before relief could be given.

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Police Court and required to give a bond of \$500 to guarantee his good behavior for twelve months. An appeal was noted.

Daily Court Record

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened yesterday morning at half-past 10 o'clock for the purpose of holding a conference session for conference as to cases argued during the past week.

The following judges and officials are in attendance upon the court for this term:

Circuit Judges—Hon. Nathan Goff, of Clarkburg, W. Va., and Hon. J. C. Pritchard, of Asheville, N. C. District Judges—Hon. Thomas H. Morris, of Baltimore, Md.; Hon. William H. Bradley, of Charleston, S. C.; Clerk, Colonel Henry T. Meany; Deputy Clerk, Claude M. Dean.

The following cases are in the call for argument Monday next:

No. 830—R. L. Williams, plaintiff in error, vs. John L. Roper Lumber Company, defendant in error. In error to the Circuit Court at Elizabeth City, N. C. To be argued by E. F. Ayldett, of Elizabeth City, N. C., for the plaintiff in error, and by Edward R. Baird, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., and W. M. Bond, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

No. 836—Henry R. Worthington, appellant, vs. Mack Manufacturing Company, et al., appellees. Appeal from the Circuit Court at Norfolk, Va. To be argued by Peatross & Savage, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellant, and by N. T. Green, Thomas W. Shelton and John B. Jenkins, of Norfolk, Va., for the appellees.

From present indications the court will remain in session until about the middle of December. The court will take a recess next Tuesday until the following Monday for Thanksgiving.

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Gayest Festival of the Season

The Academy of Music, which will be the scene of a beautiful floral opera, "The Fete in Flowerland," next Saturday, matinee and evening, will be turned into a scene of brilliant colors, the very gayest festival of the season. The opening scene is a beautiful tableau, with 300 of Richmond's social world on the stage, arrayed in gorgeous colors in which nature loves to revel; effective groups of this sort, adorned with thousands of brilliant cups, lilies, forget-me-nots, etc., while in the background the sweetpeas, in every color of the rainbow, twine around the Grecian nymphs, the debutantes, in pure white, with their flower-decked hearts, and the debutantes of last year, in pale pink, with graceful cascades of smiles and pink roses—half a hundred of Richmond's most beautiful young ladies.

Part two of the program will be an exceedingly humorous play by excellent dramatic talent—Mrs. H. H. Rath, Mrs. J. A. Chandler, Mr. Harrison and others.

But the half has not yet been told. A full description of this comedy, also numerous specialties, will be given in to-morrow's paper.

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